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CLATTER
Chapter 9

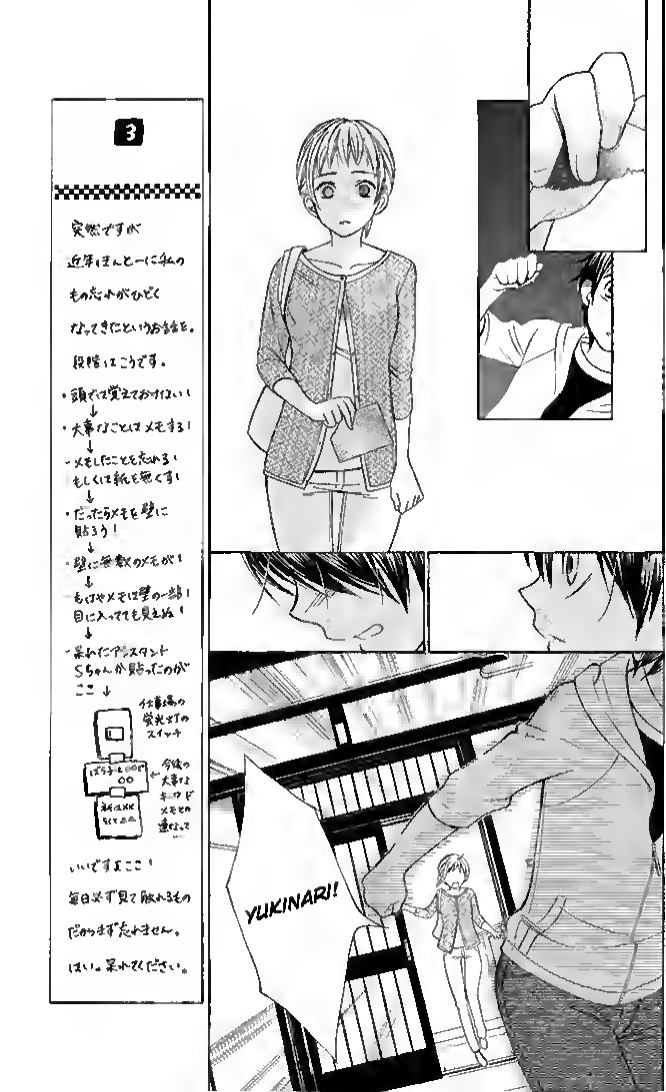
"Welcome home, Yukinari!"
Seems like I'm still not used to it
"But after Mom starts working,you will have to bring your own keys
Will you feel lonely if you come home and Mom's not here?"
"No problem, you don't have to worry about me, mom.
Go help uncle at his shop."
There's still Barako; that's what I told myself.
clack
I'm not a kid anymore.
Mom, hurry home..
Phone Bill,
Local Newspaper
Hm?
SNAP

Wah...
The sky.
It's beautiful.
To Heiwa Yukinari
Eh? It's for me...
... To Yukinari

Yukinari
I really want to see you
Mom
SFX FLAP 2X
SFX THUD
I'M HOME!
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI

OH MY, MY SON CAME OUT TO WELCOME ME?
NO? THEN WHY ARE YOU STANDING IN THE ENTRANCE?
AH, THERE'S MAIL?
WHO'S IT FROM?
scared
SNATCH
MOM?
GIVE IT BACK.
YUKINARI,
MOM WILL KEEP THIS LETTER FOR YOU.

BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAVE TO DO WITH YOU ANYMORE
... IT DOES.
WHY? IT'S FOR ME
WHY?!
IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T READ IT
MY REAL MOM SENT IT TO ME!
TEAR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突然ですが
近年ほんとーに私の
ものたよわがひどく
なってきたというお話を。
段階はこうです。
・頭では覚えておけばいい
↓
・大事なことはメモする！
↓
・メモしたことを忘れる
もしくは紙を無くす
↓
・だったらメモを壁に
貼ろう！
↓
・壁に無数のメモが！
↓
もはやメモは壁の一部！
目に入ってても見えぬ！
↓
・呆れたアシスタント
Sちゃんが貼ったのが
ここ ↓
仕事場の
蛍光灯の
スイッチ
今後の
大事は
キーワード
メモでの
連絡で
いいですここ！
毎日必ず見て触れるその
どれもはずたよりません。
はい。笑ってください。
YUKINARI!

I said it out loud
what to do?
What to do,
I made Mom
make such a face ...
knock
knock
answer
!

YUKINARI JUST LEFT HERE
WHY DID YOU COME AGAIN TODAY? IS THEREA SPECIAL REASON?
YUKINARI!
The shrine in the forest -
there'e a small shed next to it
It's our secret hideout
Right now, it's Haraka's house.
OW...

SFX: FIDDLE 2X
Over summer break,
Barako grew again.
Lying to our parents and moving her between our houses; we've already reached the limit
Do you have her family's contact info
Hmm...
How can she stay at our house any longer?
LEG HURT?
I FELL ON THE WAY HERE
IT'LL BE OKAY.
THERE'RE MICE AT NIGHT.
EH?!
SFX: SHIVER
MOTHS WILL COME TOO, WITH BIRD'S EYE PATTERNS
IT'S FUN TO CHASE THEM.
SORRY TO LEAVE YOU BY YOURSELF AT NIGHT.
HM? I'M NOT ALONE.
EH?
Guess I'll have to find her a new home...
All living things are your friends? Even vermin, pests and crickets
YOU'RE AMAZING, BARAKO

YUKI-NARI, LET'S PLAY!
HOUSE?
OKAY, WHAT SHOULD WE PLAY?
HOUSE!
THEN, I'M THE OLDER BRO-THER.
BANG.
WEL-COME HOME
...
Did she play it with Arika and them?
BARAKO IS MOM!
WHAT SHOULD MOM DO?
EH?!
I HAVEN'T REALLY PLAYED HOUSE BEFORE
UM, UM, ROLE OF MOM, HUH
MOM...
"Welcome home, Yukinari!"

MOM,
AFTER I SAY I'M HOME,
SHE'LL SAY, "WELCOME HOME".
"How was school today?"
SHE'LL ASK ABOUT SCHOOL
SHE COOKS ME FOOD EVERY DAY.
"Jeez! Why are your hands so dirty?!"
AND SHE'LL
WORRY ABOUT ME.
MOM, SHE
"That's my son!"

"My real mom sent it to me!"
However, she's my real mother.
that doesn't make Mom fake.
YUKINARI?
I'm
LEG
HURTS?
an idiot.
But right now,
Mom must hurt even more.
... A BIT.

LISTEN TO ME, BARA-KO.
MY MOM,
SHE'S NOISY BUT POSITIVE.
TOUGH BUT GENTLE.
SHE'S A MOM I'M PROUD OF
YUKI-NARI
LIKES MOM?
THE MOST.
AC-TUAL-LY,
I REALLY WANT TO BE BY HER SIDE FOREVER.
REALLY WANT TO STAY
MOM
IF--
IF MY REAL MOM CAME TO SEE ME,
I WOULD DEFINITELY

SFX: RUSTLE

BARAKO IS HERE.
BARAKO, JUST THEN...
MM.
THEN,
Why am I talking about this with Barako?
Idiot
SFX: GASP

WILL STAY WITH YUKINARI FOREVER?
BARAKO

IS THIS HOW PLAYING HOUSE FEELS?

THANK YOU,
BARAKO
ME, TOO.
I WILL PROTECT YOU WELL

Morning?!
がばっ
?!
SFX JUMPS
CHIRP
CHIRP
I was here the whole night!
CHIRP
CHIRP
I have to return home for now.
SORRY, BARAKO
MM

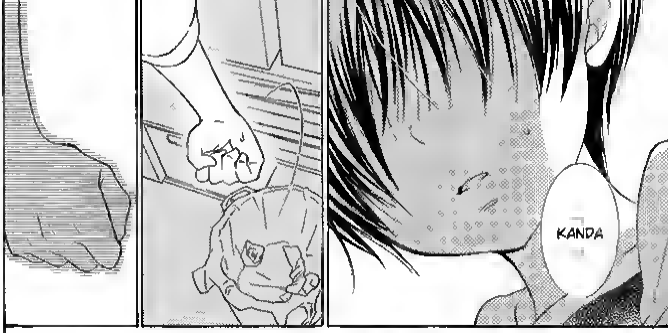
I PRO-
MISE
THAT I'LL RETURN TO YOU AGAIN RIGHT AWAY
WAIT FOR ME
YUKI-NARI?
close
Mom.
Mom.

MOM!...
IDIOT!!!
IDIOT, IDIOT, IDIOT, IDIOT SON,
I WAS SO WORRIED!
ぎゅっ
MOM
MOM I CAN'T BREATH
SEX HUGS TIGHTLY

THANK GOD
I'M SORRY
I want to repay them.
don't want to be the one who is always on the receiving end.

I don't want to keep on lying.
MOM,
YOU CAN THROW THAT LETTER AWAY
IT'S OKAY

It's okay.
Huh?



"I..."

"my real mom
came to see me."